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National Grasslands Council Recognizes Thunder Basin Prairie Partners

(DOUGLAS, Wyo.) Aug. 5, 2011 – Recently, several organizations were recognized by the National Grasslands Council for their involvement in the Douglas Ranger District’s multiple-use management policy of public lands.

Biodiversity Conservation Alliance, Defenders of Wildlife, Prairie Dog Coalition of the Humane Society and World Wildlife Fund assisted the Forest Service in a prairie dog translocation project, meant to minimize conflicts with private landowners and restore key prairie habitat.

Specifically, Duane Short, Jonathan Proctor, Lindsey Sterling-Krank and Kristy Bly of their respective organizations were presented with certificates of appreciation by Douglas District Ranger Bob Sprentall for their roles in positive resource management on the Thunder Basin National Grassland (TBNG).

The Forest Service also received assistance on the project from the Thunder Basin Grassland Prairie Ecosystem Association, which consists of ranchers and citizens from the local area.

“This effort was a prime example of how a variety of organizations can collaborate, communicate and achieve creative long-term solutions to meet common conservation objectives,” stated Sprentall. The recognized organizations all provided funding, labor, equipment and expertise to the project.

Management of prairie dogs on the TBNG is important for the Forest Service, as they are an indicator species and a vital link to a healthy ecosystem.

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